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Patriot Day retreat today – The 15th Airlift Wing Commander will officiate over the Patriot Day Retreat Ceremony today at 4:30 p.m. The ceremony is at the base flagpole.

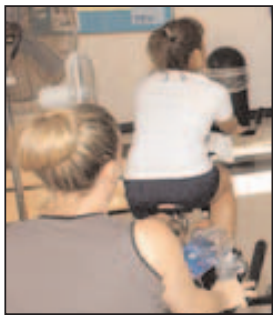
56 Council Carwash – The Hickam 56 Council is having a carwash Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are still needed. To sign up, go to their Web site at <http://www.56council.com/index2.html>.

CFC kicks off Sept. 19 – The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Sept. 19 and runs through Oct. 20. The 15th Airlift Wing goal is to have 100 percent contact with all members within the first 12 hours of the campaign. The monetary goal this year is \$225K. Each unit has CFC representatives for this year's drive. Please consider giving a donation to one of the many worthy causes sanctioned by the CFC and help Hickam make this year's campaign another success. Any questions can be answered by unit representatives or 1st Lt. Heather Thompson at 449-3084, Captain Jonathan Joshua at 448-6403, Senior Master Sgt. Dan Wright at 448-6477, or Master Sgt. Bradley Smith at 449-6860. Maj. Jason Warnick at 448-2075 is the PACAF representative.

Partial dislocation allowance entitlement not authorized for residents in privatized housing – A recent clarification from higher headquarters determined that military members living in privatized housing are not entitled to Partial Dislocation Allowance. It was determined this entitlement, which is intended to cover incidental costs for forced local relocations, only applies to residents in government-owned housing. This clarification impacts residents living in Hickam Community Housing who will be relocated due to the phased construction schedule. A review is underway at higher headquarters to determine if this law can be

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Aloha, welcome home



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Top: Senior Airman Derek Jennings, 15th Security Forces Squadron, welcomes home Senior Airman Jeffery Smith Monday at the Missing Man Formation memorial behind the O'Club. Senior Airman Jeffery Nichols is in the background. **Above:** (Left to right) Senior Airman Nichols, Staff Sgt. Andre McBride, Senior Airman George Rust and Staff Sgt. John Jaykoski use each others back as tables to fill out their Air Force leave form.

Future Total Force set to leave lasting impression in Pacific Theater

By Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson
Air Force Print News

The Air Force broke ground last August for the first Pacific Air Forces C-17 Globemaster III squadron based outside the continental United States.

One year later, using the Future Total Force initiative with an eye toward the future, Hickam Air Force

Base is building a strong foundation for a new way of operating strategically and tactically in the Pacific theater.

"This is a very exciting time," said Lt. Col. Charles Darnell, deputy chief of the C-17 Program Integration Office here. "We are writing new guidance for two commands, and our primary

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Honorary commanders 'assume command' of Team Hickam units

By Bette Kalohi
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

There are 46 new commanders on Hickam, in case you haven't met them yet. They come from the local community; business, state government and industry. All are participants in the Honorary Commanders Program and are assigned to Team Hickam organizations.

These civic leaders were all participants in Hickam's first ever, Honorary Commanders Assumption of Command, Aug. 30. While the program has been in existence for a few years, this is the first time there has been an official ceremony to commemorate the event.

"We want our Honorary Commanders to have a sense of the military tradition of assuming command," said 15th Airlift Wing Vice Commander, Col. Scott Chesnut, who presided over the ceremony. "The ceremony approximated an official Assumption of Command but we modified it to accommodate the 46 new 'commanders.' It gave them a feel for the real thing."

The uniform of the day for this event was BDUs. "We wanted our Honorary Commanders to see us in our warfighting uniform to reinforce what we do everyday," said

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\$4,333 raised for hurricane relief efforts

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs

More than 125 volunteers took time out Monday to help wash more than 325 vehicles to raise money for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund.

The effort raised \$4,333.86 that will go to the American Red Cross to help people along the Gulf Coast get back on their feet again after the category 4 storm hit Louisiana Aug. 29.

"It was an overwhelming the outpour from our community," said Master Sgt. Jennifer Anderson, ATSEV, Unit Program Manager. "The volunteers just kept coming and the donations from \$5 - 200 a car was phenomenal. We must in this time of need give more than we ever have before for this humanitarian crisis."

A crisis seen first hand by Jimmie Slugher, father of Staff Sgt. Ranada Bridges, 735th Air Mobility Squadron.

"Pictures cannot begin to show what it was like to be there," said Mr. Slugher Monday as he watched the cars being washed. The long time New Orleans resident described it like being in a third world country.

"I lost my house, that we just moved into six months ago, and I lost all five of my cars," he said. "I spent three days living on I-10 and then my wife and I decided that was enough and we needed to leave, so we started walking west." Along the way they got a ride from a gen-

tleman to reach the airport where they were able to make contact with Sergeant Bridges and work out arrangements to fly to Hawaii.

According to Sergeant Bridges, she was not even aware of the hurricane and its proximity to her parents until her mother called her Aug. 28.

"She told me about the hurricane and that they were going to be okay where they (my mother and father) were going," the sergeant explained. "They left their homes and went to Lakeland Hospital in New Orleans East because it was a safe haven. Before my mother and I ended our phone conversation, she said she loved me and don't worry."

When the sergeant arrived at work Aug. 29, she began to watch the news to see the status of the hurricane.

"Needless-to-say on Tuesday, reality hit me! I would never have imagined New Orleans would have gone through something like that. A place where I was born and raised, street areas where I played as a child ... were no longer," she reminisced.

Then all the sergeant could do was hope for the best and wait for a phone call.

It wasn't until Sept. 1 that she got a call from her dad. "I just happened to look down at the phone to get the time and it was ringing. When I answered it, all I could do was cry, it was my

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Stuck in Paradise – Wing helps Lancer arrive safely

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble
15 Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Although the 15th Airlift Wing isn't expecting its first assigned aircraft until February, the wing had a chance to practice its incident response when a B-1B Lancer diverted to Hawaii and experienced a loss of hydraulics after landing Aug. 31.

The bomber was diverted to Oahu due to adverse weather. Once the aircraft landed, it experienced a loss of hydraulics and began to leak, initiating a clean up response and closing down two of four runways and a taxiway.

Because Hickam shares its runways with Honolulu International Airport, commercial air traffic experienced a slight delay while clean up crews

responded to the scene and relocated the aircraft for maintenance.

Although it took crews less than an hour to actually move the B-1, the runways remained closed for approximately two and a half hours.

During the taxiway and runway closures, commercial aircraft departing and arriving to HIA were rerouted to different runways and taxiways, keep-

ing the airfield operational.

"Air Force airfield management, Honolulu Airfield Management and the Federal Aviation Administration were in close communication throughout the entire incident," said Lt. Col. Steven Franklin, 15th Operations Squadron commander. "We have a great working relationship and that really helps during events like these."

'No One Comes Close' to Hickam Sky Warrior support, teamwork

By Col.
Bill "Goose" Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

The Air Force advertisements and mottos once said "Aim High" then "No One Comes Close." Now we see a lot of "Crossing into the Blue," well let me say this - Team Hickam Sky Warriors are all that and more!

I can't even begin to say how proud, honored and privileged I felt this week going around the base and talking to folks who have a part in the efforts to help out the survivors along the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. These are people who still put their 40 hours or more in during the work week and then take their personal time to help at fund raisers and other relief efforts.

I spent a few hours Monday with my daughters at the hurricane relief carwash and it was just phenomenal to see that many people supporting the efforts and to hear that some of the cars we washed donated upwards of \$200 is completely awesome!

To each and every one of you that participated my hat goes off to you and your family for taking the time to dedicate yourself to this cause. You are making a difference to so many people and to know you each did it with the pure kindness from your hearts, shows that no one comes close to the Sky Warriors and what we do here at Hickam.

Also what gets me all stoked up is seeing all the news articles in Aim Points



Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, and his daughters Kristin and Kimberly wash a pink Mercedes at the hurricane relief carwash Monday. The base raised more than \$4,300 at the carwash to be donated to the American Red Cross.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Charity Barrett

or on the Air Force Web page and the action C-17 units are getting. In less than six months the Hickam Sky Warriors will be doing those types of missions for aid; and flying people, supplies and equipment around the world on a moments notice to impact more lives.

I can barely contain my excitement knowing how Hickam has responded to this disaster, and what it will be like once we can truly reach out and touch someone with our own operational mission here.

So keep your heads held

high for all that you're doing now and remember something like this does not go away overnight. There is always someone out there less fortunate that needs our help.

Sunday marks the four year anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. I will be officiating over the **Patriot Day Retreat Ceremony today at 4:30 p.m. at the base flagpole.** I want to encourage all commanders and supervisors to let your folks go early in order to attend this special event. We should all take a

few moments to remember the patriots that have gone before us and how they have shaped our lives today. It is important that we never forget.

Lastly this week I want to announce a **15th Airlift Wing Commander's Call Sept. 16** at the Memorial Theater. I will host three sessions at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. There will be briefings from the wing command chief, safety, chapel, history and others. This is a mandatory appointment for all 15th Airlift Wing personnel.

Suicide prevention Being great wingmen makes difference

General (retired) John Jumper
Previous Air Force Chief of Staff

Over the past year, I have stressed the importance of Airmen looking out for one another, especially in light of our alarmingly high suicide rate in 2004. I asked that we all make the extra effort to look for troubling signs in our co-workers -- that we be great wingmen. Our rates have gone down, but each loss that we take is one too many. The efforts of some great wingmen have saved the lives of some of our comrades in arms, but now I urge each of you to continue to provide mutual support.

In my 39-year career, I have always been proud of how our Air Force takes care of its own. It sets us apart from those in the private sector and it is something I will deeply miss in retirement. This attitude is firmly rooted in the profession of arms and is part of our common Airman culture. Our inaugural Wingman Day

occurred after four months in which 24 Airmen took their own lives. Discussing the stressors we experience, re-emphasizing available supportive services, and talking about what it takes to be a great wingman provided an opportunity for us to join together and examine how we can strengthen our common Airman culture at every level.

Why has focusing on our wingman responsibilities contributed to lowering our suicide rates? I believe part of the answer lies in our core value of "Service Before Self." The foundation of this value is respect -- respect for our Air Force, for ourselves, and for our fellow Airmen. As we give and gain respect, we develop our sense of what it means to be Airmen and create a community to support those who need our help. Airmen support and protect their fellow Airmen. Airmen help Airmen in need. Airmen work with Airmen to deliver precision results wherever

and whenever needed.

Being a great wingman means recognizing when other Airmen are in distress and having the courage to care. I am asking each of you to make being a wingman a habit and not just a slogan. Wingman Day isn't nearly enough. While providing a good opportunity to reflect on how we take care of our own, simply scheduling one day a year is just a beginning. We must each make a conscious choice each and every day, ensuring that we are thinking, preparing, and acting in accord with our core values and serving as wingmen to our fellow Airmen, whether they are active, reserve, guardsman, or civilian. We should ask ourselves daily, "Who are my wingmen, how are they doing, and what have I done to support them today?" That's where "Service Before Self" begins -- with you and your teammates. That's what makes our United States Air Force the greatest Air and Space force in the world.

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties -- and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

WATERING & LIGHTING

Comment: Residents in base housing are encouraged to save as much water as possible as far as exterior watering goes. Recommendations are before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. But, many times as I drive around the base, base watering in public areas is being done during the hot hours of the day and when the sprinklers are on regardless of nighttime or daytime watering, about 25-45 percent of all sprinklers are broken and thousands of gallons of water are wasted.

The second point I like to make is I have concerns on lighting at the base track, softball fields, and also the lighting along the pathway toward Kam Housing. It does not make any sense to have lights at the softball field stay on all night long, but the base track which needs to be utilized can not be illuminated once the lights are automatically tuned off at 11 p.m. Also the jogging pathway along Kam housing and the beach goes off at 10 p.m. and does not come on again until 5 a.m. in the morning.

Can the jogging path lights be left on all night long? Can the base track lights be left on over night or at least be able to be turned on at night time?

Response: Thank you for bringing this to my attention, conservation is everyone's business. Our grounds maintenance contractor is encouraged to water during the early morning and evenings as much as possible. Areas that have automated irrigation systems are typically set to run between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. when our water usage is at its lowest. Areas that are not automated are manually watered during the day. Manual timers are used to control the amount of water flow. The contractor routinely performs operational checks on the system to locate and repair broken items, including sprinklers. I need your help, call the CE Service Call Desk at 449-9951/52, anytime, seven days a week to report any broken sprinklers heads or excessive watering.

I appreciate your concern regarding the softball field lights being left on all night. The softball lights and all of the outdoor athletic facility lights are on timers which are set to turn off at 11 p.m. This policy is to help conserve energy. However, upon inspecting these facilities, it was discovered that the softball timer was not working properly and is the reason that the lights remained on all night. This has been fixed. We will look into keeping the lights on at the track later and compare its use to the energy cost. If you encounter any further problems with our athletic facilities, do not hesitate to contact our Fitness Center Director, Mr. Douglas Giannetti, at 448-4641.

The Ft. Kam jogging pathway lights operate using batteries that are re-charged during the day with solar panels. The lights are only good for approximately six hours per charge, therefore the operational times have to be limited so we can provide light for our evening and early morning runners. If you have further concerns regarding this issue call Mr. Creighton Lee, 15 CES at 449-1765.

Editor's note: This action line was previously run in the Kukini, but with new people on base and the focus of energy conservation on base we wanted to run it again.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Saluting Military/GSA Vehicles



Hickam AFB hosts many VIPs. Please look out for placards on all types of vehicles and render a salute when appropriate.

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Contact your First Sergeant

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449-0175
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449-6373
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449-1754
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533-7125
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Hickam Voices

Who is your early season
Superbowl pick and why?



Indianapolis. This will be the year Manning beats the Patriots in the AFC championship game.

Staff Sgt. Tommie Miers
PACAF Regional Supply Systems



New England Patriots. They have a very strong team and they've won the last two Superbowls. If I picked any one else, it would just be uncivilized!

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Jones
15th Communications Squadron



Falcons vs Jets. Falcons will win because Michael Vick is the best quarter back in the league!

Senior Airman Darrin McKittrick
PACAF Regional Supply Systems



Washington Redskins. Joe Gibbs knows what the team needs to succeed.

Daniel Lingham, Civilian
15th Services Squadron



Buffalo Bills. I am forever hopeful, as they are the only true New York team.

Debra Straight, Civilian
15th Airlift Wing Inspection General



Forty-niners. No reason ... I just like them.

Thomas Hollingshead, 12-years-old
Dependent stepson of Tech. Sgt. Rene Oriano
JICPAC

**Next week's question:
What have you done to contribute to the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.**

Some Airmen can carry over 'use or lose' leave

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends. Special leave accrual carry over also applies to the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for more than 29 days. Airmen who lost leave may carry the following leave amounts:

- Up to 120 days for Airmen deployed or assigned to hostile fire/imminent danger pay areas;
- Up to 90 days for Airmen who deployed or were assigned to other than hostile fire/imminent danger locations; and
- Up to 90 days for Airmen

impacted by significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, Airmen who lost leave as a consequence of assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30 are authorized restoration of leave they lost. "This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Tech. Sgt. Deitra Mathis, NCOIC, field operations, leave and commander's support staff programs at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "For the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year." Airmen who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact their local military personnel flight.

Spouse's Conference begins Sept. 1

By Michelle Kelly
Joint Spouses' Conference
Publicity Chair



The 11th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, will come together as one-family to learn and share experiences from military life. The 2005 JSC is set for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center. Registrants may choose from more than 65 workshops with an array of interests including cultural arts, cooking, health & fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more. Kaye Goldthorpe, 2005 Joint Spouses' Conference Co-Director, proclaimed, "It is a crucial time, now more than ever, to find ways to enrich, empower, uplift and motivate our spouses

in their challenging roles as wives, husbands, parents, professionals and community leaders! This year's conference is our time to come together and grow!" The 2005 JSC Keynotes will feature Brigadier General Coral Pietsch and "Anyway – The Paradoxical Commandments" author, Dr. Kent Keith. On Sept. 30, Dr. Keith's presentation will focus on leadership and finding personal meaning at home and at work. Dr. Keith grew up in a Marine family and currently lives in Honolulu. General

Pietsch will address conferees on Oct. 1. She is the first woman general in the 229-year history of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and the first Asian American woman to hold the rank of Brigadier General in the Army. She is also a spouse of a retired military member. The YMCA of Oahu recently honored the general as one of Hawaii's extraordinary women leaders in her field and for her community outreach and volunteer efforts. The Joint Spouses' Conference is anchored with popular workshops from its own publication Armed for Entertainment "At Ease" A Creative Guide. The JSC is also selling opportunity tickets for a chance to win a handsome quilt featuring Hawaiian and joint military themes. The quilt was locally created and quilted by Army spouse Laura

Kardos and pieced by military spouses. Registration is going on now through Sept. 16. Forms may be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops, and chapels. Register online or download the Registration form at www.jointspousesconference.com The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 Friday or Saturday only. The fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag. Seating is limited to 400, so get your registration forms in early. All forms must be postmarked by Sept. 16. Children are not permitted to attend. Childcare is not available and must be prearranged. For more information and to preview some of the exciting workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or contact Michelle Kelly at 422-6642.

Parade of champions



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
Hickam Honor Guard members Airman 1st Class Lucia Flores and Senior Airmen James Hudson, Krystopher Douglas, CJ Suarez and Adrien Cliett march down Kalakaua Avenue Monday to lead the Hawaii baseball parade of champions honoring West Oahu Little League World Series Champions.

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objective is creating the most efficient relationship without the typical organizational boundaries." The Hickam integration is the first indication that this new relationship is already working, Colonel Darnell said. Within the PIO, active duty members and Air National Guard technicians are working together daily to forge partnerships among PACAF's 15th Airlift Wing, the Hawaii Air National Guard's 154th AW, Air Mobility Command and Air Force Materiel Command. The Air Force plan to realign missions and organizations such as these is outlined in the Future Total Force concept. The concept's aim is to strengthen the Air Force by enhancing synergy among

active-duty, Guard and Reserve forces for more capable and efficient airpower. "I believe that what we are doing at Hickam is a great example of how Future Total Force is working to form the template for strategic mobility organizing our Air Force in the future," Colonel Darnell said. That template includes accomplishments such as the first activation of a C-17 squadron from scratch, the first active-duty wing integrated with an Air National Guard associate unit, and the first Pacific Air Forces strategic airlift wing. "We have a great group of professionals here that have worked hard to integrate Guard maintenance and supply Airmen into the new C-17 mission," said Chief Master

Sgt. Scott Yerxa, maintenance superintendent for the C-17 PIO. "Their hard work and experiences in the Pacific theater of operations is making Hickam's transition to the C-17 almost seamless, and preparing us to be an even more viable asset for our Air Force and military senior leaders in the future." When the C-17 squadrons are fully manned and ready to go, they will have 589 Airmen from the Hawaii ANG and active duty working together. "When the 535th is fully operational, we will be able to assist with things like tsunami relief and the war on terrorism throughout the Pacific theater," said Maj. Dave Almand, director of operations for the 535th AS. "Team Hickam will be able to provide a forward-

deployed footprint that will greatly enhance the capabilities of supporting Air Mobility Command and U.S. Pacific Command requirements." The base is scheduled to receive its first of eight new C-17s in January and the last aircraft in September. When that time comes, Colonel Darnell predicts smooth sailing for the PACAF and ANG squadrons. "There have been no barriers between the Air National (Guardsmen) and active-duty Airmen," Colonel Darnell said. "We are a shining example that Future Total Force is working and we will continue to work hard until we cut the ribbon and start flying missions that will lead our Air Force now and into the future."

OHANA helps in relief

Master Sgt. Acoff Dwayne
502nd Air Operations Squadron

Team Hickam has formed a committee to show our solidarity, and support the families affected by hurricane Katrina.

The project “OHANA” or Organized Hurricane Aftermath Neighborly Assistance sponsoring committee at Hickam has developed the following initiatives to assist with the relief efforts. We all understand hurricane Katrina’s recovery and relief effort is expected to last for several months to years. Furthermore, this relief effort will take an active participation from every component of our nation, especially military servicemen and women and civilian personnel at every military installations.

Listed are fund raisers that you can participate in to make a difference: Base chapel donations, car washes, cash donations (base exchanges, post exchanges, commissary’s, cook-outs, and golf/softball tourney’s).

If you have a fund raising idea don’t hesitate to contact one of the committee members to put into action.

Be on a look-out for fund raisers throughout Hickam and your respective military installations supporting hurricane Katrina’s humanitarian effort. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions contact one of the committee members listed below.

Team leader: Master Sgt. Dwayne Acoff, 502 AOS, duty phone 448-5271, cell (757) 329-2674; team members: Master Sgt. Isreal Reyes, HQ PACAF, duty phone 449-8373, cell 265-2775; Master Sgt. Randy Rohrbacher, 15 AW/XP, work phone 448-3585, cell 386-4081; Master Sgt. Jennifer Anderson, 735 AMS/TRT, duty phone 449-6986, cell 778-6326; Master Sgt. Daniel Hawkins, duty phone 449-6373; Master Sgt. Kevin Howson, duty phone 449-0753; Master Sgt. Michael Frechette duty phone 448-2030 x232; and Lt. Kris Kearton, duty phone 477-1088.

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dad on the other end, I thanked God he and my mom were OK,” she said.

Sergeant Bridges took time on Monday then to help collect donations at the car wash and tell her family's story. “Sometimes being so far away, people feel like there isn't much that can be done ... but in this case a

simple car wash proved a whole lot,” she said.

Her father agreed. “Seeing the turn out and all the donations was awesome,” said Mr. Slugher, who has decided to return to New Orleans to settle up, then will move to Hawaii. “I've had enough, I'm retired and these things tend to make you realize just

how lucky and how much we have in life. Time I start enjoying it.”

According to Sergeant Anderson other fund raisers are being considered to help out with the relief efforts. To find out more contact her at 449-6986 or by e-mail Jennifer.Anderson@hickam.af.mil



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Adarryll Gourdine, Pacific Air Forces, Airman 1st Class Phillip Price, 17th Operational Weather Squadron and Master Sgt. Hubert Cacho, 15th Contracting Squadron, make sure a car is good and clean during the Hickam hurricane relief carwash Monday. More than \$4,300 was raised to be donated to American Red Cross.

Web sites providing help for hurricane victims

FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov> Find out what the government is doing; find friends and loved ones; apply for assistance in Espanol and English; and how to get help.

American Red Cross: 1-800 HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669) or <http://www.redcross.org/> The ARC needs money, they do not accept clothing or food items.

Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov/> This site has information on filing for employment loss in affected states, regardless of your current location.

Air Force Aid Society: <http://www.afas.org/> Helping our own. This link has many benefits for affected Air Force military members including grants and interest free loans.

COMMANDERS, From A1

Col. Chesnut. “It’s all part of helping our civic leaders and commanders connect in a meaningful way.”

As they arrived at the Officers Club, honorary commanders were greeted by 15th Airlift Wing, group and squadron commanders, participating wing staff agencies chiefs, tenant commanders and First Sergeants.

The ceremony lasted less than an hour and was followed by lunch. Afterward, commanders broke off from the main group and took their individual Honorary Commanders to visit their units. Tours and mission briefings were provided and the new commanders were introduced to squadron members.

“The 15th Operations Support Squadron was honored to have Diana Fujii and Richard Serikaku join us for the day,” said Lt. Col. Steve Franklin, 15th OSS commander. “They and their organization do so much for our military community and this was just our way of recognizing their support. Giving them the opportunity to tour our current and future facilities and to meet the men and women of the 15th OSS cemented our relationship and allowed them to get a better appreciation of the mission we perform. They and Ms. Gwen Omori are all honorary ‘Trolls’ of the 15th OSS.”

“ We wanted our Honorary Commanders to see us in our warfighting uniform to reinforce what we do everyday. ”

Col. Scott Chesnut
15th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

Derek Sakaguchi, one of the newest members, who is assigned to the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as Honorary Commander said, “I am very proud to be able to participate in the Honorary Commander's Program. What made the event really special was that it was the first ever! This is my first year as a member of the Friends of Hickam and from what I have experienced so far, I hope to be able to continue my membership for a long time.

It is an honor for me to be able to participate in such a great organization and I look forward to the upcoming events and to meeting and getting to know the members and families of the 15th AMXS.”

Another excited new commander was thrilled to



Photo by Angela Elbern

Major Henry Myers, 15th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, welcomes Hawaii State Senator Norman Sakamoto as the new honorary commander of the 15th MOS during the assumption of command ceremony Aug. 30. Forty six local civic leaders became honorary commanders at the event.

be a part of the ceremony. “It was such an exciting surprise to be the one on stage holding the 15th MXG guidon with Col Stephens,” said Jill Nakagawa, long time Friends of Hickam member. “I've watched it so many times before and to be the one up there holding the guidon was so exciting. Col. Stephens explained that during a Change of Command, the guidon would normally be released to the new Commander but

in this case he never let it go. It was an honor to be given the recognition and opportunity to be the honorary commander of the Group. All of us of the FOH really appreciated the time and effort that the 15th Airlift Wing put into this for us.”

The Hickam Honorary Commanders Program began in 1997. The primary purpose of the program is to bring interested civic leaders closer to the units, to

allow them to meet with troops and learn about the missions and issues of each unit. The program also helps commanders to stay in touch with the community in which they live, play and serve. Honorary command runs for about a year. Once a year, the program opens up to allow new participants or for current members to move between units for variety. There are currently 65 Honorary Commanders active in the program.

Crime Scene

Shoplifting

A military family member was detained by Army Air Force exchange service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$25.69

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A military family member was detained by Army Air Force exchange service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$11.25

Domestic Assault

A military family member notified security forces about her spouse being assaulted. Medical personnel declared no injuries to the victim.

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Arts and Crafts Center

Every Thursday evening, the Arts and Crafts Sales Store is offering a special craft activity from 6-8 p.m. Stop in to sign up for one of your favorites. Call the Arts and Crafts Center at 448-1568 ext. 105 for more information.

Christmas in September

Create a new family ornament for your Christmas tree or home. Christmas ornaments under the instruction of Lacey, the newest addition to the Community Instructional staff. The class is available to children with a parent and all others 12-years-old and up. Pre-registration is required. Christmas kits are \$5. Please call the Community Center at 449-3354 for information.

Artist/Craftsman Contest

Now is the time to start working on Artist/Craftsman Contest entries for 2005. There are four categories this year: fine arts, industrial arts, textile arts and picture arts. Entries are accepted from all

youth and adults starting Sept. 9. For details, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 449-1568.

Eat BBQ Mongolian Style

Mongolian Barbeque is served Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the Officers Club lanai. The menu consists of approximately 20 vegetables, five meats and a variety of oils and spices for seasoning. Price is 60 cents per ounce with a \$1 off Members First Discount. Call 448-4608 for details.



Torch Club

Torch Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls in middle school focusing on character development. A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which club staff can help meet the special needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect

officers and work together to plan and implement activities in four areas: service to club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation. Prospective members may join at any time throughout the year. For more information on the Torch Club program, please contact Mr. Kubo at 449-2233.

Group Surf Lesson

Have you always wanted to learn how to surf? Join us on this Saturday and September 24 for a group surf lesson. The cost is \$30 and includes board rental, transportation, and three hours of group instruction. Participants must be able to swim without life jackets. Minimum of three to a maximum of eight participants for the lesson. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215 for more information.



Open Water Swim Class

Perfect your swimming form at this open water

swim class. Classes will be held this Saturday and Sunday, and Sept. 17 and 18. Class includes drafting, swimming straight, stroke development, and swimming with rough currents. Limited to four participants, the class will be held at the Hickam Harbor beach, outside of the swimming area. A freestyle 100-meter swim test will occur at the beginning of the course.

Waimano Valley Loop Trail

Experience the true Hawaii on the Waimano Valley Loop on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This loop hike samples a short stretch of a peaceful valley. Smooth, reflective water alternates with shallow rapids in the stream there. The return route follows an abandoned irrigation ditch along the side of the valley.

Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and two guides. Please bring hiking shoes, lunch, hat, sunscreen and water. Minimum of three to maximum of 12 participants for this trip. Departs from Hickam Harbor Bldg. #3455. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449-5215 for more information.

Wine tasting

Calling all wine-lovers and connoisseurs. Join us for a wine-tasting event on Friday from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at the Koa Lounge. Food will be provided at the tasting. This is a members only event and membership cards are required for admittance. Call 448-4608, ext. 11 for more information.

Winter Season Bowling

Love to bowl? Leagues are now forming for

Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays (YABA) at 9 a.m. Call the Bowling Center at 449-2702 for more details.



Bowl for \$1 on Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, bowl for just \$1 per person from 4 to 9 p.m. Plan your party, going away, retirement, birthday, or anniversary for a group of 15 or more. Catering is available for your group function. Call 449-2702 for reservations.

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Airmen saving lives in New Orleans, Mississippi

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — Air Force bases nationwide are deploying hundreds of Airmen to Louisiana and Mississippi to save lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Search and rescue missions are under way around the clock to evacuate hurricane victims stranded along the Gulf Coast.

Two 50th Airlift Squadron C-130 Hercules from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and Airmen from the 452nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., landed at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport Sept. 3 to relocate sick and injured patients devastated after Hurricane Katrina.

The Joint Task Force-Katrina mission was to evacuate patients to here and to Ellington Field, Texas, where

hubs have been established to support evacuation operations.

“Our C-130 has been transformed into a flying ambulance in the sky,” said Tech. Sgt. Patrick Carter, a 463rd Operations Support Squadron loadmaster.

As of Sunday, the Air Force had moved more than 2,955 aeromedical evacuation patients, transferred more than 15,165 passengers and delivered 4,613 tons of cargo supporting JTF-Katrina, Air Force officials said.

Aeromedical evacuation has been vital in saving lives, said medics on the ground.

“If we don’t move fast enough, people are going to die,” said Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Christa, aeromedical evacuation unit superintendent at the New Orleans airport. “Every (aeromedical evacuation unit) in the Air Force is here to help. We are landing one (cargo airlift) plane here every 45 minutes.”

The initial aeromedical unit arrived at the airport Aug. 31.

Patients lined the terminals on litters awaiting transportation and Airmen assessed each patient before loading them onto the C-130’s.

Helicopters from all branch-

Helping hand



Photo by 1st Lt. Neil Senkowski

More than 140 evacuees from New Orleans, victims of flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina, flew to Austin, Texas on board a C-17 Globemaster III. There, they were given food, fresh water and a place to sleep.

es of the military landed every 10 to 15 seconds at the airport bringing in people rescued from New Orleans.

In Mississippi, Airmen are also supporting the relief effort.

“We have a tremendous joint effort (among) Guard, Reserve

and active-duty Airmen (at Evers Field Air National Guard Base, Miss.),” said Col. Joe Callahan, 347th Expeditionary Rescue Group commander and deployed commander of the 347th Rescue Wing at Moody AFB, Ga. “This is the largest

search and rescue mission in the history of the Air Force.”

With nearly 450 Airmen on a 24-hour operations schedule at Evers Field, the 347th ERG in Jackson, Miss., has pulled more than 2,700 people to safety in less than a week, said Maj.

Todd Worms, a 347th ERG operations officer also from Moody.

“The mission we’re providing is absolutely critical to ... all those we’ve pulled from harm’s way,” Major Worms said. “And there are many left.”

“We’re not going home until we’ve lifted everyone we can,” Colonel Callahan said. *(First Lt. Jon Quinlan of the 314th AW Public Affairs, and Airman 1st Class Tim Bazar of the 347th ERG public affairs contributed to this article.)*

Defense leaders praise Keesler resolve, spirit

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFP) — The military’s highest-ranking officials leading post-Hurricane Katrina relief efforts toured here Sunday and personally delivered reassuring words to the storm-battered base’s troops and family members.

The visiting delegation, led by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, included Gen. Richard Myers, chairman

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of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Navy Adm. Timothy Keating, U.S. Northern Command commander; U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, commander of the NORTHCOM's recently established Joint Task Force-Katrina; and Army Maj. Gen. Harold Cross, Mississippi National Guard adjutant general.

After receiving a comprehensive post-hurricane overview, the leaders visited the base's devastated housing and industrial areas. The tour was highlighted by a visit with Airmen, Marines and Sailors and their families, many of whom lost most or all of their worldly possessions.

Secretary Rumsfeld expressed condolences to those who are attempting to cope with stress and frustration in the storm's wake stemming from the nation's costliest natural disaster.

Telling them he had just come from an extensive aerial survey of Katrina's worst-hit places, the secretary emphasized, "This base is blessed. As bad as it is (here), when you fly in a helicopter and see this area, it's just amazing to see the

damage that's been done."

"My heart and prayers go out to you who lost all your possessions, but you still have your lives, your health, your resolve and your resilience," General Cross said. Drawing on the words of poet Robert Frost, he added, "'We have promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep.' This is going to be a long, marathon, not a sprint. Let's all hang in there and help each other, because that's our greatest strength; not our technology, but our love for one another."

Edwards tests production Global Hawk for deployment

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) — Global Hawk flight test efforts were completed Aug. 28, bringing the latest version of the aircraft one step closer to warfighter employment.

The tests on the unmanned aerial vehicle, conducted here by the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center's

Detachment 5, the 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron and the 452nd Flight Test Squadron, were designed to support an upcoming Air Combat Command decision on whether the production Block 10 Global Hawk aircraft and sensor suite are ready for deployment.

Global Hawks provide the Air Force and joint battlefield commanders near real-time, high-resolution intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance imagery.

The plan, said Lt. Col. Andy Thurling, 452nd FLTS operations officer, is to replace the advanced concept technology demonstration Global Hawks that are currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Each ACTD aircraft is a one-of-a-kind aircraft," he said. "Production Global Hawks are standardized and have technical orders to allow Air Combat Command to operate the aircraft with their blue-suit maintainers."

Currently, the maintainers deployed are mostly contractors.

The tests fulfill the require-

ments for a series of combined developmental test and operational test integrated systems evaluation flights to demonstrate Global Hawk system performance, Mr. Morrow said. The capabilities evaluated were flying operations, electro-optical, infrared and synthetic aperture radar sensor functionality, and quality, timeliness and usefulness of sensor images. *(Story by Tech. Sgt. Eric M. Grill, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)*

CLEP testing saves money, time, headaches

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — There is a way for Airmen to earn their degrees using knowledge gained from work and personal study, while at the same time saving money and shortening time spent in classes.

The College Level Examination Program and the Excelsior examination program are available to service-members in pursuit of a college degree.

These programs save students time, money and encompass a large variety of courses.

They are in high demand because they can eliminate general course credits. While military education does cover some general education requirements, it does not cover or is not accredited in class like English composition, mathematics, natural science, social science, history and humanities.

However, CLEP general exams cover most first-year level college work, according to Rozzie Lovett, the education services officer at the Langley Education Center. CLEP subject exams usually cover a wide range and variety of subjects and fields which can be applied toward higher-level requirements. The examination program, along with Excelsior exams, also cover subjects that are more specific to degree programs, though they usually do not exceed second-year college level exams.

Except for specialized exams, such as speech, which requires a taped impromptu

speech, most exams are uniform in nature.

"The CLEP general examinations are timed and multiple choice; the subject exams are timed also, but are not multiple choice" Mrs. Lovett said. "Test results are usually received at the education center three to six weeks after the test date."

CLEP and Excelsior exams are free for active-duty military members, free or a minimal cost to reservists and guardsmen, and are relatively inexpensive for dependents and retirees. On top of the low cost and convenience, there are great benefits for the CLEP exams that keep students coming back.

"Students can take as many CLEPs as they want in any period of time," said Mrs. Lovett. "If they fail one, however, they cannot retake the exact same test for another six months."

For more information on military education programs call the Hickam base training and education services office at 448-0920. *(Story by Senior Airman Christian Michael, 1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*

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New themed dinners at Wednesday buffet

Kids, bring in your parents for dinner on Wednesday to the new themed all-you-can-eat buffet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the dining room and they eat for half price. August theme dinners include Italian on Sept. 7, German on Sept. 14, Mexican on Sept. 21 and Southern on Sept. 28. Adult price is \$12.95 minus \$1 member’s first discount; children 7 to 11 years old, \$5; children 4 to 6 years old, \$2.50 and children 3 years and under eat free. No coupons accepted in conjunction with this offer.

Play and win!

The Officers’ Club Games Night is offered every Wednesday with games starting at 6 p.m. Arrive early for dinner at 4 p.m. Games Day is also offered on every Monday holiday starting at 3:30 p.m.

Dinner and the theater

Join us for dinner and a night at the theater, featuring the production “Guys and Dolls,” this Saturday. Cost is \$50 and includes a three-course meal, theater admittance, and a wine and cheese

reception. Dinner begins at 5 p.m., bus departs Hickam at 6:30 p.m. and you will arrive back at Hickam at about 10:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 448-4608, ext. 15.

Scrapbook marathon

Scrapbookers, get out your supplies. Thursday from 5 to 9:30 p.m., there will be a Swap-A-Thon at the Arts and Crafts Center. Bring in your no-longer-used scrapbook items and sell or swap them for someone else’s no-longer-used items. There will be door prizes awarded and pupus served. Adults only.

Pool tournament

Eight-ball double-elimination tournament will be held this Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Teen Center.

Kiddie family fun night

Join us for family night out on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Price is \$5 per person with a \$20 per family maximum, and includes dinner buffet, magic show, kids’ karaoke contest, Macarena contest and door prize drawings. For more information, contact the Enlisted Club at 449-1188.

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changed; however, there is no estimate at this time if and when a change will be made. Questions pertaining to this issue can be addressed to 15 CES/CERP, 448-3965.

Public Notice – The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 15th Medical Group from Sept. 28 to 30. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commissions field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance

to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or Faxed to 630-792-5636 or E-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Volunteer opportunities – Looking for individuals to help facilitate a teen tobacco cessation course on Hickam. One day training required; scheduled for Sept. 22, from

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call 448-6170 or 448-6731 for more info Maj. Shaffer, POC

Tobacco Focus Group – Need junior enlisted members (18-24 yrs old); smokers (includes all tobacco products), non-smokers and supervisors of each category to form a Tobacco Focus Group. Age requirement does not apply to supervisors. The session is scheduled for Oct. 4. Each session will be one hour in duration. Total group size is 36. Please respond for participation via email by Sept. 15. carol.shaffer@hickam.af.mil. For more info call the HAWC 448-6170 or 4486731.

Embry-Riddle’s October term courses – Embry Riddle is offering 25 undergraduate courses during its Fall term (Oct. 3 to Dec. 12), to include a wide variety of general education, management, safety of flight, and global security and intelligence courses. With two new minor courses of study in occupational safety and health and international relations to complement our existing minors in management, safe-

ty, and security and intelligence, Embry-Riddle can meet anyone’s educational goals. Two new classes to be offered at Hickam include GOVT 325 - International Studies, and SCTY 385 - Intelligence Analysis, Writing and Briefing. The Fall term schedule of undergraduate and graduate classes is now available and registration starts Wednesday. Embry-Riddle is located in Room 117 of Hangar 2.

Base training and education services – Base training and education services is hosting an open house Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 900 Hangar Ave. Featured are displays of on-base schools and their programs; skills, abilities and interests surveys; on-line tuition assistance tutorials; CCAF information and counseling; distance learning resources and commissioning, financial aid, and testing information. Free child care, door prizes and refreshments will be provided. For information call Terry Brown or Lydia Beatty at 449-6363 or 448-0918.